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Task Order Award for Naval Station Guantanamo Bay

Jacksonville, Fla. - Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Southeast awarded a \$31 million task order Oct. 3 to URS Group, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, under a multiple award construction contract for replacement of a fuel pier and a truckload facility at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay.

"The existing fuel pier needs to be replaced," said NS Guantanamo Bay Public Works Officer Cmdr. Ronald Jenkins.

The pier was inspected in 2010 and revealed advanced stages of deterioration to the pier piles and encasements.

"The fuel pier is the primary pier for receipt and delivery of all fuel supplied to the U.S. portion of the island," added Jenkins. "Any disruption of the fuel supply would impact the fueling of aircraft, production of island power, water purification and marine refueling here."

The new pier will allow for environmentally compliant and safe ship fueling and defueling.

The award provides for the demolition of the existing pier and replacing it with a new 825 foot concrete fuel pier that will include new fender piles, mooring dolphins, a control building and a ramp to transition from the pier to the shore.

The project will also include fuel piping, ship hose service with spill containment, constructing a new road leading to the pier, telephone, fire alarm and suppression systems, oily water collection system, and construction dredging.

"The reconstruction of the Fuels Pier (Pier Charlie) provides a significant impact due to the provision of much needed safety improvements both in the actual stability of the pier itself as well as the addition of a critical Fire Suppression System," said NS Guantanamo Bay Supply Officer Cmdr. Jonathan Holsinger. "This project will provide direct support to maintaining one of the primary key infrastructure points onboard Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay Cuba."

The existing truck load fuel facility built in 1954 will also be replaced as part of the upgrades.

"The current load facility will benefit from the new spill containment surfaces, that will provide secondary containment for the fuel facility," said Jenkins.

The new three position refueler truck loading facility will provide simultaneous multi-product refueling capability. The facility serves as the primary means of delivering fuel to operating and support units at NS Guantanamo Bay and provides logistical support to ships and aircraft of forces of the U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Homeland Defense, U.S. Customs Service and Drug Enforcement Agency in the Caribbean area.

Work is expected to be completed by September 2015.

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